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**TREASURY DEPARTMENT**

WASHINGTON 25

August 15, 1944

To the Heads of the Executive Departments, Independent Establishments, Agencies, Wholly-owned Corporations, and Officers and Employees of the United States:

Subject: Agreements of Indemnity

According to the inquiries received by and information coming to the attention of the Treasury Department, it is evident that not all officers and employees of the various Government departments and agencies are aware of the provisions of Section 3b of the Government Losses in Shipment Act, 50 Stat. 479, as amended by the Act of August 10, 1939, 53 Stat. 1359 (U. S. C., 1940 ed., title 5, sec. 134b-2). That section of the Act authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to issue agreements of indemnity to enable the United States to obtain the replacement of any instrument or document, such as, bank drafts, cashier's checks, certified checks, warehouse receipts, and the like, received by the United States or by any of its agents in their official capacity, which, after having been so received, was lost, destroyed, or so mutilated as to impair its value.

There is enclosed a copy of Treasury letter dated September 15, 1939 (Division of Deposits, GLSA #4) outlining the procedure to be followed when replacement is desired of any instrument or document covered by the Act referred to above. It is suggested that you take such action as you may deem necessary to bring this information to the attention of the officers and employees under your supervision who may be concerned with this matter.

Very truly yours,

D. W. BELL

Acting Secretary of the Treasury

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